

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAWYER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 13665.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13665) granting a pension to Mrs. Eliza Weaver, have examined the same and report:

The report on which this bill was passed by the House is concurred in and is as follows:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13665) granting a pension to Mrs. Eliza Weaver, submit the following report:

Claimant is the dependent mother of Cassius Weaver, late private of Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. Cassius Weaver filed declaration for pension April 3, 1879, alleging heart disease resulting from an injury received to his breast in March, 1865, by a train being thrown from the track near Harper's Ferry while on his way from Indiana to Virginia. His claim was rejected May 31, 1882, because of claimant's inability to furnish satisfactory evidence that the disability alleged was incurred in the service, there being neither medical nor record evidence thereof. The evidence clearly shows that claimant was on the train which was thrown from the track; that he received severe injury to his breast therefrom, and that he was in line of duty. The examining board, November 30, 1880, find positive evidence of heart disease, pulse very weak and too rapid, and rate soldier at total disability. In March, 1882, medical examination disclosed increased disability of heart disease. Three months later the soldier died from the effects of said disease. The evidence of his family physician and other witness shows that he was a sound and healthy man prior to enlistment and that at his return home from the service, and subsequently until the time of his death, he was broken down in health and unfitted for manual labor. From the facts set forth your committee are of the opinion that the soldier's death was due to his service. The soldier leaves no widow or minor children and no one is drawing a pension on his service. Claimant is 75 years old, dependent, and has no means of support.

The bill is reported favorably with a recommendation that it do pass.